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Resources to revoke the mining licenses of two small-scale mining companies in Gbane in the Talensi District of the Upper East Region.

The two companies are said to be supported by Shaanxi Mining Company, a Chinese mining company.

According to the group, the Chinese mining company is hiding behind these two small-scale mining companies to carry out large scale mining, which the mining laws of Ghana prohibit.

Talensi residents numbering about 300 with red bands expressed their displeasure in a press conference in Sheiga in the Talensi District.

They described as absolute illegality the Chinese mining company operating in the area.

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The group in the press statement said the two mining companies on which the Chinese mining company is operating does not have renewed mining license since 2013 hence they cannot operate.

regulations such as blasting without filling the stones and many more.



One of the mines in Gbane

Speaking on the group's behalf, convener Charles Boazor said Ghanaian workers at Shaanxi Mining Company are not respected.

The group said out of 502 Ghanaian workers, 450 employees are paid salaries and wages below GH¢250 per month for working for eight hours per day.

The convener said due to poor safety measures, many of the other miners in the Gbane mining community are dead.

It added that the traditional authorities in Talensi and the District Assembly have been denied royalties from the Chinese mining company and the two small-scale mining companies.

They are, therefore, advising Shaanxi Mining Company Limited to comply with the suspension of mining operations given by the Lands and Natural Resources Minister in a letter dated April 24.

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